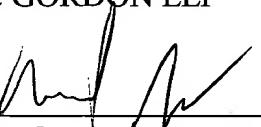


REMARKS

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1           2. (amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the single interface  
2       (13) is an I<sup>2</sup> C interface.

1           3. (amended) Apparatus as claimed in either of claims 1 [and] or 2, characterized in that it  
2       includes a rating input unit (9) of auditory-stimulus response signals, [said unit preferably being in  
3       the form of a keypad or a voice input device,] the rating input unit being connectable to the single  
4       interface (13).

1           4. (amended) Apparatus as claimed in [one of claims 1 through 3] claim 1, characterized  
2       in that the single interface is a branched unit comprising at least one first connector to the fitting  
3       [computer] calculator, at least one second connector to a rating input unit and [are] at least one  
4       third connector to the [minimum of one] hearing aid.

1           5. (amended) Apparatus as claimed in [one of claims 1 through 4] claim 1, characterized  
2       in that the [communications link] single interface between the hearing aid and/or an input unit and  
3       fitting calculator (1) is at least partly wireless.